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Dick & Howard,

Today's mail included letter from both of you, HR's to be answered later, for it takes longer to reach Dick and I have to go to town shortly. Dick was undated, unpostmarked, and included the great kindness, the page from Four Day, which illustrates the point I see Dick understands very well: for the holes to be where they are in the neckband there has to be a hole through that tie, and there isn't. I am aware of the pictures referred to, and others, but there is little chance the Dallas papers will give me a copy. I must try and remember to ask Mary, who will be here next month, for she may be able to get or may already have. I think you can both understand what I can now do with this, having the pictures I already have and suing for others. I'd prefer no correspondence or other palaver about it now, for the work as it stands is definitive enough, and I've been able to accomplish the impossible, get a definitive and official ruling on the relevance and integrity of the reason for the denial. When I saw Bud Thursday, with too many other people and late because I had to be scrounging for immediate money (the first time I recall ever being late for any appointment since the assassination), I gave him the draft of the complaint and asked him to go over it first. He said he couldn't, being too busy (he has about finished redoing the one on the spectro, which he'll handle in court), so I got him to give it to a recent law-school grad who is helping him, for I want to press this one immediately.

I'll have this picture in one of two files, so we can both find it so I can return it: FBI Ex 60, the old designation for the file on this suit, or subordinate in the special file, Clothing. Do not let me forget, and I do appreciate it. It is already so filed, but things happen in court and in preparing for court.

Assuming my correctness, that there had to have been a hole in the tie for the neckband holes to have come from a bullet or any kind of fragment, it might help HR if you'd explain the kind of wound there'd have to be for the bullet to have gone through either the anterior skin or that and the shirt and then to have plopped, with no damage to the tie or a mere nick on the side. I think this addresses his recent theories.

I expect to get to the camera shop, and I'll be taking the negative for further neckband enlargement. I was not able to because of the DC-money problem and the helping of the man who gave me the Gamemaster. Does your mouth water? If you want it, your credit is good, but I'll be trying to sell it because I do need some dough. It is handsome, even to me, and I'm no buff. I've spoken to the rangemaster, who thinks he can move it easily.

Best,